

Poll Shows Flournoy Is Leading Reinecke

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State Controller Houston Flournoy has moved into the lead over Lieutenant Governor Ed Reinecke for this year's Republican nomination for governor.

In a survey completed between May 1 and 7, The California Poll finds that Flournoy is leading Reinecke by slightly better than a four-to-three margin. Reinecke's position has been dropping

sharply in recent weeks, apparently as a result of publicity resulting from his indictment by the Watergate Grand Jury for perjury.

	Republicans Statewide	
	May 1974	April 1974
Flournoy	41%	24%
Reinecke	27	28
Others	3	1
No expressed preference for any candidate	29	47

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standing with GOP voters now contrasts sharply with his ranking about nine months ago. At that time, the state controller trailed a tentative field of six candidates including Reinecke, Attorney General Evelle Younger, former Lieutenant Governor Robert Finch, Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Caspar Weinberger, and former Deputy Secretary of Defense David

Packard. All but Reinecke and Flournoy have now dropped out of the race.

The California Poll shows that Reinecke and Flournoy — with the "undecideds" eliminated from the tabulation — have almost reversed their standings with Republican voters since the start of the race.

	May 1974	April 1974	February 1974	August 1973
	Flournoy	57%	47%	29%
Reinecke	38	51	71	82
Others	5	2	—	—

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